Mountain Weather Forecast

South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 04 May 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 05 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 04 May 2023 at 03:26 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for dry weather on Thursday then change to showery conditions on Friday and over the weekend. Lower confidence on day to day detail from Friday onwards.

Headline for Thursday 04 May 2023: Dry. Mostly cloudy. Cold and windy on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 04 May 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG			FOG	FOG	FOG
Fog	Cloudy	Cloudy	Fog	Fog	Fog
Precipitation probability					
<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Thursday 04 May 2023

Weather: It will be a dry and mostly cloudy day. A few bright spells are possible, especially over eastern Cairngorms. Bitterly cold with gusty winds on the higher tops.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40%, best in west.

Low Cloud and visibility: Mostly good visibility beneath the cloud which will be fairly extensive above about 600 to 700m. Clouds more broken in west of area.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	18/26 SE	24/32 SE	27/36 SE	28/37 SE	30/39 SE	30/39 SE	30/39 SE
900	15/23 SE	16/25 SE	21/30 SE	21/30 SE	23/31 SE	23/31 SE	21/30 SE
600	9/16 S	14/23 SE	16/27 SE	16/27 SE	16/27 SE	15/26 SE	14/24 SE
300	8/14 SE	11/20 SE	13/23 SE	13/24 SE	11/22 E	10/20 E	8/16 E
Glen	7/11 E	9/18 SE	11/22 SE	12/22 SE	11/22 E	9/19 E	9/18 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	1/-4	-1/-8	-1/-9	-1/-9	-2/-10	-2/-11	-2/-10
900	3/-2	2/-4	1/-5	1/-5	0/-7	-0/-7	0/-6
600	4/0	4/-1	4/-1	4/-1	2/-3	2/-4	2/-3
300	6/3	7/3	7/4	7/4	5/2	4/1	4/2
Glen	6/4	7/5	8/5	8/5	6/3	5/2	5/2
Freezing Level*	1700m	1000m	900m	900m	900m	800m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Very difficult walking conditions over higher ridges and summits due to strong, gusty winds and bitterly cold feel.

Forecast for Friday 05 May 2023
Weather: Cloudy with a mostly dry start then showery rain edging up from the south later in morning and during afternoon. Some heavier showers possible by evening.

Maximum wind: Strong southeast winds, average speeds of 30mph with gusts 45mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%, best in west.

Low Cloud and visibility: Pockets of good visibility mainly west of area, otherwise turning hazy with poor visibility in heavier showers. Clouds will be extensive and coming well down the hills.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6 Celsius rising to 12 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius rising to 6 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1200m at first, lifting above the summits by the afternoon.

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